

BLUAC Steering Committee
September 15, 2005 Minutes

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Minutes of the September 8, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

Old Business:

Chairman Averill reported that the bids from the UPS Store and Paper Chase to bind and copy the Methodology and Results would cost between \$7 and \$8.75 to print the document without comments and approximately \$11 to include the Comments. It was decided to investigate another printer, but to include the Comments in the booklet and sell for \$15. Suggestions for distribution of the booklets were Bigfork Chamber of Commerce, The Jug Tree, and Electric Avenue Bookstore.

Averill had 15 copies he had printed at the Lodge and suggested everyone sign the booklet and take the booklets to the BDC Auction that evening as an auction item. All agreed with the idea and many intended to attend the auction to support the bidding.

Averill and others commented on the September 14, 2005 meeting with the Flathead County Commissioners to present the Power Point presentation of the survey results. Most felt the presentation was well received. The Commissioners supported the idea of investigation of self-government (incorporation, etc.) for Bigfork. They also fully supported the premise that BLUAC should be elected rather than appointed by the Commissioners. The Commissioners left the details of how to accomplish this to the Steering Committee. The Commissioners were asked to include two people from Bigfork on the Long Range Task Force. Jeff Harris also stated that he would attend a Steering Committee Meeting every month. The Commissioners also like the idea of holding public meetings in the Bigfork High School gym for public input to the planning process.

Chairman Averill noted that two weeks had passed since the booklet on the survey results had been presented to BLUAC. The Secretary noted no comments had been received from those BLUAC members not present at today's meeting. Averill asked for comments on the results from BLUAC members attending the meeting. Clarice Ryan and John Bourquin stated that most of their questions had been answered to their satisfaction and changes made at the September 1, meeting were appropriate. Sue Hanson reported that Phil Hanson felt the same. Clarice Ryan suggested an email be sent to BLUAC members not present, as a courtesy, to let them know the two weeks had expired and the Steering Committee was proceeding with scheduling public meetings in the community. Averill will check with the High School to determine a date for use of the gym. It was noted two weeks notice was required in the Daily Inter Lake for the public meeting.

In other business, support was requested for the Commissioner hearing September 21, on the concerns of Jay Whitney for the development on Bigfork Stage Road by Kurt Knievel. The Commissioner hearing on Quarter Circle LA Ranch will be held on September 22, at 11:00 AM. Due to the time conflict, Chairman Averill suggested the Steering Committee meeting be pushed back to 1:00 PM on that day. Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.

Sue Hanson
Secretary